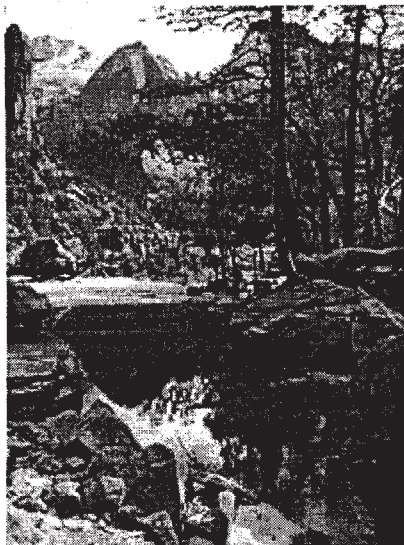


Day Use Backcountry Survey Zion National Park 2002



Date: _____

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1. How many people were in your group?

Group size: _____

2. Which of the following categories best describes your group? (Circle one number.)

- 1 Family
- 2 Friends
- 3 Family and friends
- 4 Organized group (e.g., club, scouts)
- 5 Commercial group (i.e., participants paid a fee to go on the trip)
- 6 National Park Service – sponsored program
- 7 Other (Please specify.) _____

3. A. If you live in the United States, in which state do you live?

State: _____

B. If you do not live in the United States, in which country do you live?

Country: _____

4. What are some of the things you enjoyed most about your experience in the canyon you hiked? _____

5. What are some of the things you enjoyed least about your experience in the canyon you hiked? _____

6. If you could ask the National Park Service to change some things to enhance the quality of hiking in the Canyon you visited, what would you ask them to do? _____

7. a. Was this your first visit to the canyon for which you obtained a permit? (Circle one number.)

- 1 Yes (Skip to question 8.)
- 2 No

b. What things have changed for the better about experiencing this canyon since you first visited? _____

c. What things have changed for the worse about experiencing this canyon since you first visited? _____

d. Have you changed the way you visit this canyon (e.g., where or when you visit) over the years because of increased crowding, environmental deterioration, or other reasons? (Circle one number.)

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Skip to question 8.)

e. Please indicate whether or not each of the following statements describe how and why you have changed your visits to this canyon. (Circle one number for each statement.)

	Yes	No
1. I visit less often because of increased crowding	1	2
2. I visit less often because of environmental deterioration	1	2
3. I visit different canyons because of increased crowding	1	2
4. I visit different canyons because of environmental deterioration	1	2
5. I visit during less busy times (e.g., week days, off-season) because of increased crowding	1	2
6. I have changed how I visit this canyon in some other way (Please explain.) _____	1	2

8. The following items might affect the quality of the experience of visiting canyons in Zion. For each of these items, please indicate 1) how important this opportunity was for your canyon experience at Zion ("Importance"), and 2) how well you think Zion provided for this opportunity ("Performance"). (Circle two numbers for each item.)

	"Importance"						"Performance"				
	Very Important	Important	Neither Important nor Unimportant	Unimportant	Very Unimportant		Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Poor	Very Poor
a. Opportunity to experience solitude in the canyon	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
b. Opportunity to see few other visitors in the canyon	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
c. Opportunity to avoid seeing large groups of visitors in the canyon (groups greater than 12 visitors)	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
d. Opportunity to avoid seeing organized groups of visitors in the canyon (e.g., clubs, scouts)	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
e. Opportunity to avoid seeing commercial groups of visitors in the canyon (i.e., groups where visitors pay to participate)	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
f. Opportunity to avoid seeing a lot of recreation-related impact in the canyon	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
g. Opportunity to avoid seeing and/or hearing aircraft	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
h. Opportunity to use the park's shuttle bus system to get to and from trailheads	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
i. Opportunity to avoid seeing evidence of recent fires (either naturally ignited fires or management prescribed burns)	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5

9. a. Approximately how many groups and people did you encounter in the canyon during this visit?

Approximate number of groups: _____

Approximate number of people: _____

b. How did the number of groups/people you encountered compare to what you expected to see? (Circle one number.)

- 1 Fewer than expected
- 2 More than expected
- 3 About the number expected

c. How did the number of groups/people you encountered compare to what you would have preferred to see? (Circle one number.)

- 1 Fewer than preferred
- 2 More than preferred
- 3 About the number preferred

10. The National Park Service is considering a new regulation on the maximum size of hiking groups at Zion. Please indicate how acceptable you think the following group sizes are at Zion. (Circle one number for each group size.)

	Very Unacceptable					Very Acceptable				
a. Four	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	
b. Six	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	
c. Eight	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	
d. Ten	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	
e. Twelve	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	
f. Fourteen	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	
g. Sixteen	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	

11. a. What is your gender (Circle one number.)

- 1 Female
- 2 Male

b. In what year were you born?

Year: _____

c. What is the highest level of formal education you have completed? (Circle on number.)

- 1 8th grade or less
- 2 Some high school
- 3 High school graduate or GED
- 4 Business school, trade school, some college
- 5 College graduate
- 6 Some graduate school
- 7 Masters, doctoral, or professional degree

d. What was your total household income (before taxes) last year? (Circle one number.)

- 1 Less than \$20,000
- 2 \$20,000 to \$39,999
- 3 \$40,000 to \$59,999
- 4 \$60,000 to \$79,999
- 5 \$80,000 to \$99,999
- 6 \$100,000 or more

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